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> Retail goods on the open market in North Korea were selling at the following rates in May 1949;

3. 9 Staple foods: (Tu - a unit equal to approximately 10 litres) (Kwan - a lift of weight - 8.267 pounds)

Bice (tu)	240	W. O. F	Millet (tu)	180	WON
Giutinous rice (tu)	350	woer	Kaoliang (tu)	750	won
Sog beans (tu)	1.20	Ast 2-3	Corn flour (tu)	130	WOD.
Rean curd (piece)	5	r	Potatoes (tu)	50	WON
Shell ligament (kman)	1,500	Visit2	Lentils (tu)	240	WOIL
Bean oil (bottle)	150	ra 41	Honey (bottle)	1.20	WOD
Sasame oil (bottle)	350	¥1323	Mackerol (piece)	50	won
Mest (catty)	50	V /- :: 1,	Eggs (each)	7	WOM
Fork (catty)	1,0	Avo. 5	Asparagus	1,300	won
Eried rice (bowl)	150	PPT:	Noodles (bowl)	25	WON
			Apples (each)	7	won

Korean wine (bottle) 330 W 3 300 was Beer (bottle) Gider (bottle) 30 V 1

2. Livestock:

15,000 Was Large plow cattle Large horses 20,000 76-3 # 008 Large dogs Chickens 150 WAL

3. Cloth and clothing:

Cotton cloth, made in South Horea (yard)	350	won
Cotton cloth, made in the US (yard)	250	Ω OM
Linen (yard)	400	won
Socks, made in Pyongyang	120	won
Leather shoes, made in South Morea	3,000	ESCAF
Rubber shoes for men	100	MOD
White rubber shoes, made in South Korea	3 <i>5</i> 0	non
Basket ball shoes, made in Brackeng	500	non

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4. Household and toilet articles:

Matches (box)	3	won
Electric light bulbs, made in USSR	60	won
Laundry soap (piece)	50	won
Toilet soap (piece)	25	won
Charcoal (bag)	250	won
Gream, made in North Korea (dozen)	350	won
Cream, made in Harbin (dozen)	350	MOL

5. Drugs:

Penicillin (bottle - size of unit	unknown) 400	won
Streptomycin (bottle)	2,000	won
Sulfadiazine	15	won
Dried orange peel (Chinese drug)	800	won

6. Paper supplies:

Newsprint, made in USSR (sheet)	7	won
Old newspaper (kwan)	280	won
Notebooks, made in South Koree (piece)	13	won
Ink, made in North Korea (bottle)	25	won
Ink, made in USA (bottle)	50	won
Pencils, made in USA (each)	40	won

7. Miscellaneous items and services:

Cigarettes (monopoly - package)		won
Hair cuts	15	won
Baths	8	Won
Tailor charge for making a suin	350	NON
Freight, by train (per kilogram)		won
Bus fare (gasolene type)	-	won
Fee for alaughtering a cow	30	won

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